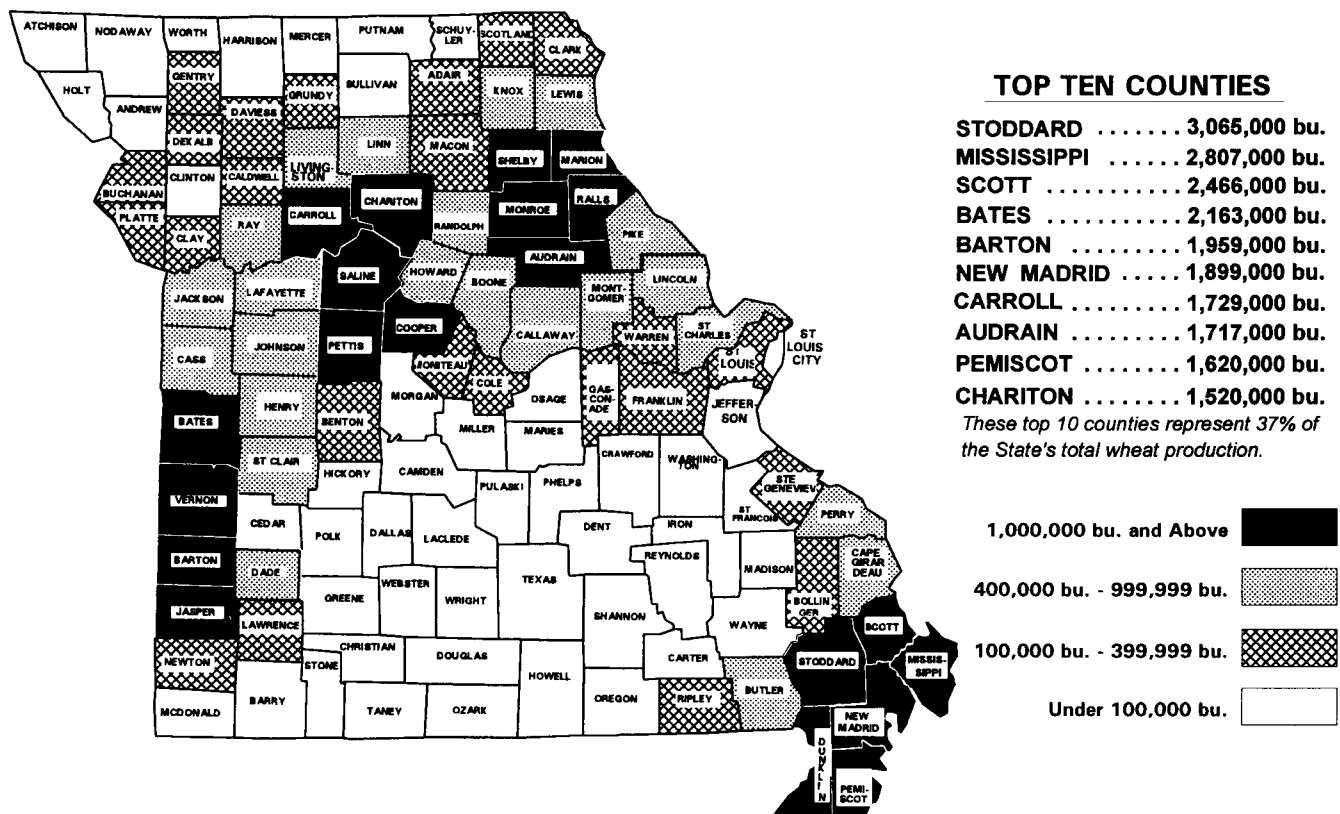


Missouri Wheat

In the last section of Show Me Agriculture, we learned that much of Missouri's wheat crop over 100 years ago was consumed by grasshoppers. Wheat is a very important Missouri crop. Wheat is important to all of us because everyone likes bread. There are many bakeries in Missouri. Missouri farmers produce much of the wheat that is used to make the flour for that bread. Wheat is measured and marketed in bushels. A bushel of wheat weighs 60 pounds.

The Missouri Department of Agriculture sometimes collects information about Missouri's crops and publishes them in a book called, "Missouri Farm Facts". Here is a map and chart from that book. Use them to answer questions about wheat in our state.



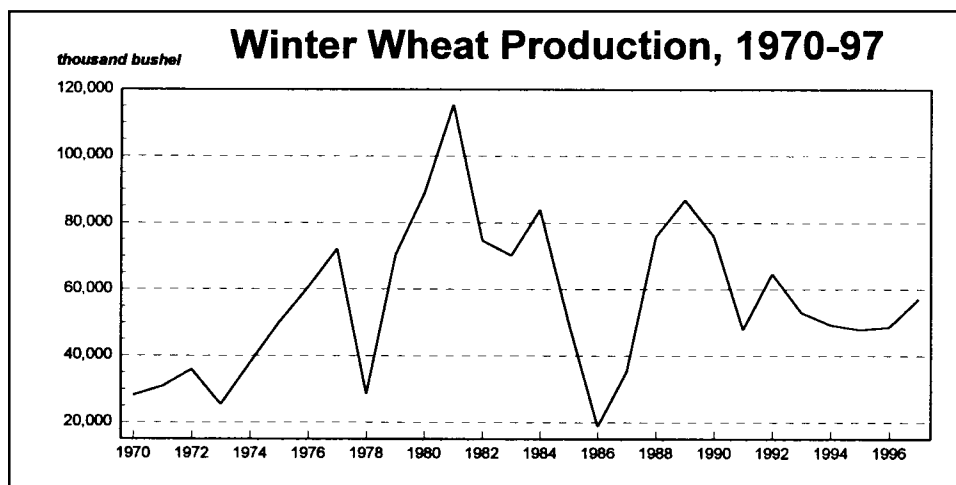
1. Look at the map. How many bushels of wheat were produced in your county?

2. Is your county one of the top ten wheat producing counties in Missouri?

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3. What Top Ten County in wheat production is nearest to your county?

4. How many more bushels of wheat are produced in Stoddard county than in Chariton County?



5. Look at the winter wheat production graph. In what year was the most wheat produced?

6. In what year was wheat production lowest in our state?

7. Think about this important agricultural question. What factors can you think of that might cause the wheat production (or any crop) to change from year to year?

